



Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, W. Scott Arnott, Phil Egert, Chris Jacobson, Scott Seymour

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Sturk, Vanessa Valdejuli, Annette Oakley

GUEST PRESENT: Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Ullmann (LAFB), Dan Abrams (HRMFFA), Laura Bateman (Director-PWHD Capitol Consulting), Mike Yazkowsky (Economic Development)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Scott Seymour called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The order of the meeting was changed; moving the briefing to the first agenda item.

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS: Langley Air Force Base Facilities & Infrastructure Briefing: Executive Director, Bruce Sturk, introduced Lt. Colonel Jeffrey R. Ullmann, Commander of 633rd Civil Engineering Squadron at Langley Air Force Base (LAFB). Colonel Ullmann gave a brief presentation on LAFB Facilities & Infrastructure, which is on file.

Wallace Arnold inquired, in regards to the Clear Zone, does Armistead Avenue come into play. Colonel Ullmann stated Langley has the centermost area of Armistead Avenue, and as things change it could be relocated. At this time there are no plans to divert traffic. Mr. Sturk stated the consultant for the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) proposed a recommendation for implementation to relocate Armistead, but it would be cost prohibitive at this time and would create more challenges. Mr. Arnold inquired about the parcels. Colonel Ullmann stated the U.S. Corp of Engineers talked to the land owners, but for the Air Force to purchase the land would be, unfortunately, a long process. In one instance, the land owner of Happy Boxes decided to proceed instead of selling the parcels, but we now understand what we need to do and are hopeful that we will be successful in as much as we can be in that area. He stated if the \$3.8 million in Federal funding comes to fruition, it will be a great start. Chairman Seymour inquired if the \$3.8 million was part of our letter of support for LAFB. Mr. Sturk said it was and that the HFADA had sent a letter to our local representatives. Colonel Ullmann thanked the Authority for the letter of support.

In regards to the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), Chairman Seymour inquired if LAFB feels the golf course is incompatible for a crash zone. Colonel Ullmann responded the clubhouse, yes, but not the golf course. He stated the golf course is there as a result of a great partnership between Langley and the City of Hampton; the landfill was closed and a golf course was put on top. Mr. Sturk stated the real focus of JLUS that the City is embracing is within the accident prevention zone; these are the areas we are looking for recommendations from the consultants to bring forward to City leadership for implementation. There is a broader area that military operations impact in the City and other surrounding communities; such as bird-strike hazard areas, for

example. These are more manageable issues. Colonel Ullman stated the JLUS process has been an open process and the dialogue has been very beneficial.

Colonel Ullman reviewed the JLUS timeline. Mr. Egert inquired how does the timeline for our JLUS activities compare to similar studies done around the country. Mr. Sturk stated there is really no one model, but based on the consultants and Office of Economic Adjustment, we are well within the timeframe. Some communities go five or six years before they get to a document that their elected officials adopt for implementation. He has been told that between eighteen and twenty-four months is pretty standard.

Mr. Sturk thanked Colonel Ullman for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Seymour stated the minutes from the March 8, 2010 regular meeting were distributed, and if there are no changes, called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Scott Arnott and seconded by Phil Egert. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Egert, Jacobson, Seymour

Nays: None

Absent: Lewis, Rotkis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legislative Committee: Mr. Sturk introduced Laura Bateman, who is a consultant for the City of Hampton. She has worked extensively with the General Assembly and continues to support the City. He and Ms. Bateman have met and discussed her role in the next upcoming General Assembly and are hopeful we can continue this partnership, using her resources and services on the Legislative Committee. He thanked Ms. Bateman for attending.

Mr. Sturk stated he and Mr. Lewis met recently with Pat DeConcini to start the dialogue of opportunities for the Legislative Committee to look at pursuing in the next session. He stated one of the topics is to move forward with the Virginia Air National Guard's presence here in the local communities, specifically units assigned to LAFB. He stated General Newman, Adjutant General for the Virginia National Guard, is interested in supporting and partnering with FEMA and bringing an Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance footprint to the area. The next step will be to bring the Legislative Committee together around the end of June to meet with our two HFADA members, then report back to the Authority.

Mr. Arnold inquired if all the nominees identified had agreed to serve. Mr. Sturk stated yes, those nominated have agreed to serve on the Legislative Committee. Chairman Seymour suggested Mr. Sturk correspond with them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Update on Federal Appropriations Request: Mr. Sturk stated Chairman Seymour signed the letter of support and it has been sent to our Congressional delegation, supporting the appropriations request for LAFB. Congressman Nye has put a strong mark in the budget request for FY11 for the Clear Zone Military Construction request, which is a positive indicator of the support we are getting. We also partnered with HRMFFA, who provided support. Mr. Sturk stated HRMFFA lobbyist group, Akin Gump, was instrumental in

helping him navigate through the letters and various documents. Mr. Sturk mentioned the recent article in the Daily Press regarding LAFB Shoreline Restoration, is one of the appropriation requests the City submitted on behalf of LAFB.

VOICCE Update: Mr. Sturk reported he has a meeting set with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in May. The DHS will sponsor the VOICCE pilot project. He is hopeful that as they work through the grant parameters, we will be able to form an official relationship with the City of Hampton through a Memorandum of Agreement. He stated we have been asked by Information Technology Director, Leslie Fuentes, to provide an informational presentation on VOICCE to the Virginia Local Government IT executives, VALGITE. Chairman Seymour asked Ms. Valldejuli if an entity was formed. She responded yes, and they are now working on the MOA. He inquired if VOICCE was trademarked. Ms. Valldejuli stated it is incorporated and she can check with Kevin Cosgrove on the trademark. By using it and filing it first with the State Corporation, the name is reserved. Chairman Seymour stated if it's trademarked, it should be in the minutes, as appropriate. Mr. Sturk stated we are currently working on logos. Ms. Valldejuli inquired who will be drafting the MOA. Mr. Sturk responded that he will work with the appropriate City staff. He stated the City will need to do a resolution, get funding allocated, etc. Chairman Seymour inquired if the entity ended up being a non-profit. Ms. Valldejuli responded VOICCE, Inc. is non-profit.

Update on JLUS: Mr. Sturk reported we will receive the next draft of the JLUS by end of April/first of May. He and Keith Cannady of the Planning Department, will meet one-on-one with Council members, to include Planning Commissioners, to mainly discuss Chapter Five and the implementation recommendations. Once we get the consensus, we will have a public comment period and Policy Committee meeting. The main goal will be to have final approval and then form an Implementation Committee who will have oversight of working the recommendations. Ms. Valldejuli stated in Chapter 5, one of the concerns is that the suggestions are not in keeping with the fact that Virginia is a Dillon Rule state. Also, trying to advise the consultants of the realism that exist today in our legislature, with respect to property rights, acquisitions, etc. Hampton is currently being proactive and working through all the issues. She stated there may be some implementation strategies that might require us to go to the General Assembly and work appropriate legislative changes. Mr. Sturk stated the last meeting with the consultant was very productive and they want to make sure the customer has what it needs to move forward. He stated one thing the consultants were asked to do is to add more of a historical/chronological perspective of all the great things that has taken place between LAFB and Hampton. For example, the golf course project was a partnership. Chairman Seymour inquired why the golf course clubhouse would not be compatible. Mr. Sturk stated at that time they had not implemented AICUZ with the restrictions that are defined today. Ms. Valldejuli stated the history is very important because things change, such as the noise contours. The history needs to reflect those changes and it's important for the public to understand that. Mr. Arnold inquired if there is anything that says there is space to get parcels included. Mr. Sturk stated the

study identifies a way to appropriate, which will be one of the things we look at, collectively with LAFB, and how to partner with them. He and Laura Bateman have been discussing strategies to engage the FY11 General Assembly and she will put together some information. There may be some opportunity to get some funding at the General Assembly that might help in this pursuit.

Mr. Arnold inquired who will own the land. Ms. Valldejuli stated it depends on who acquires; the federal government can acquire, use voluntary acquisitions, condemnation, aggregation easements, etc. If the City of Hampton purchased the land, it would be voluntary acquisition. Chairman Seymour inquired if the appropriations did not go through, and a land owner offered to sell, the HFADA could make a recommendation to Council for funding. Ms. Valldejuli stated the HFADA does have authority to voluntarily purchase land. Mr. Sturk stated it is important for the HFADA to get all of these ideas and discuss. Chairman Seymour inquired if the land can be subdivided. Ms. Valldejuli stated it is possible. She stated staff has had all of these questions discussed with the consultants.

Mr. Arnold inquired why is the term Joint Land Use. Mr. Sturk stated because we jointly entered into the study and the entities that are involved. Mr. Arnold stated if the land is procured, then there is no interest in City, but rather used by the Air Force. Ms. Valldejuli stated there is a benefit because some of the parcels are privately owned and have specific zoning by right. It's about working jointly with LAFB and trying to resolve matters together. Chairman Seymour stated we may acquire land, change the use of it to be consistent with something the Air Force would not object to down the road. Ms. Valldejuli stated Virginia Beach is trying to implement that right now with the Oceana Joint Land Use Study. Mr. Arnold inquired about the HFADA undertaking something such as an acquisition by the City and a long-term lease to LAFB. Ms. Valldejuli stated yes, or the Authority could go with a private party and try to recoup the funds by putting a use that is acceptable by the implementation. She added, once we get into the implementation, everyone will be involved; HFADA, IDA, City of Hampton, surrounding localities, etc. Mr. Arnold stated a current owner may not want to sell, but turn it into something acceptable for the clear zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Meeting Schedule: Ms. Valldejuli stated in the past, the Authority did not meet in certain months of the summer, due to vacations, etc. She added the bylaws state if we don't have business to transact, meetings can be cancelled. Chairman Seymour stated he would discuss with Mr. Sturk and report back in May.

HRC – North Marketing Plan: Mr. Sturk stated he will ask the Economic Development Department to bring to the HFADA a Hampton Roads Center North Campus strategy marketing plan that would involve potential federal property for uses of federal entities. He stated its time to bring forth a proposal that the Authority can understand from Economic Development, in respect to it becoming a federal campus. Mr. Sturk stated he has been discussing this with Mike Yazkowsky and wants to get feedback from the Authority.

House Bill 467: Chairman Seymour inquired about an update on the legislative item regarding the HFADA. Mr. Sturk stated the bill, which increases the number of members on the HFADA from seven to nine, was passed. Ms. Bateman stated the Governor has not signed it yet. Ms. Valdejuli stated once signed, it will become law in July, and the City Attorney's Office will handle the amendment.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Seymour adjourned the meeting.

Submitted By,

William E. Lewis
Secretary/Treasurer

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